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2010–2011
**UTAH FURBEARER
GUIDEBOOK**



Changes to bobcat rules

Utah's bobcat numbers have declined in recent years. They are now at the lowest point recorded since the Division began keeping records in 1983.

Biologists think this decline might have been caused by a crash in Utah's rabbit populations. Bobcats primarily feed on rabbits, whose populations crash and rebound on a 10-year cycle.

To help bobcat populations rebound, the Utah Wildlife Board approved the following changes to Utah's bobcat rules for the 2010–2011 season:

- Capping the number of available bobcat permits at 4,600
- Limiting hunters and trappers to no more than three bobcat permits
- Reducing the length of the bobcat season by one week

For information on obtaining a bobcat permit, see page 7.

To review bag limits and special restrictions for all furbearers, see page 22.

This guidebook summarizes the rules and laws that regulate furbearer hunting and trapping in Utah. You can find the full text of these rules and laws at wildlife.utah.gov/rules or at the nearest Division office.

This guidebook is a proclamation of the Utah Wildlife Board. If you have feedback or suggestions for board members, you can find their contact information online at wildlife.utah.gov.

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HIGHLIGHTS

What's new this season?

License required: You must have a current furbearer license before you can purchase a bobcat permit.

Cap on bobcat permits: Because bobcat populations are at historic lows, the Utah Wildlife Board has capped the number of available bobcat permits at 4,600 for the 2010–2011 season. Beginning Oct. 4, 2010, you can purchase bobcat permits on a first-come, first-served basis at wildlife.utah.gov or at any Division office. For more information, see page 7.

Maximum of three permits: This year, you may obtain no more than three bobcat permits. For more information on obtaining a permit, see page 7.

Later start to bobcat season: Utah's bobcat season will begin on Dec. 1, 2010, a week later than it opened last year. To review the season dates and bag limits for all furbearers, see page 22.

Changes to beaver-trapping areas: Six areas that were once closed to beaver trapping are now open, and three additional areas have closed. For a complete list of closed areas, see the information box on page 17.

Online application for WMA trapping: If you want to obtain a permit to trap on a Waterfowl Management Area (WMA), you must apply online between Sept. 27 and Oct. 11, 2010. Please see page 21 for details.

Keep in mind

Buy your license over the phone: You can now buy a Utah furbearer license over the telephone. Just call 1-800-221-0659. The line is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition to the fee for the license, you'll also be charged a \$2 transaction fee for each item you buy.

Bobcat permit/tag format: Bobcat temporary possession tags and jaw tags are attached to bobcat permits. For more information on how to attach

Take a closer look at the rules

This guidebook summarizes Utah's furbearer hunting laws and rules. Although it is a convenient quick-reference document for Utah's furbearer regulations, it is not an all-encompassing resource.

For an in-depth look at the state's furbearer hunting laws and rules, visit wildlife.utah.gov/rules.

You can use the references in the guidebook—such as Utah Code § 23-20-3 and Utah Administrative Rule R657-11-4—to search the Division's Web site for the detailed statute or rule that underpins the guidebook summary.

If you have questions about a particular rule, call or visit the nearest Division office.

Division funding: The Division is mostly funded by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and through federal aid made possible by an excise tax on the sale of firearms and other hunting- and fishing-related equipment.

Protection from discrimination: The Division receives federal financial assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior and its bureaus prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity or facility, or if you desire further information, please write to:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Office for Diversity and Civil Rights Programs—
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4040 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 130
Arlington, VA 22203

Private lands: The Division cannot guarantee access to any private land. If you plan to hunt or trap—or engage in any other wildlife-related activities—on private lands, you must obtain WRITTEN permission from the landowner or the landowner's authorized representative. To learn more, please see Trespassing on page 17.

KEY DATES

Marten permits available	Sept. 15, 2010
Permanent marten tags available	Oct. 4, 2010
Bobcat permits and temporary possession tags available	Begins Oct. 4, 2010
Permanent bobcat tags available	Dec. 6, 2010
Utah Trappers Association Fur Sale	Feb. 11–12, 2011

SEASON DATES

Badger, gray fox, kit fox, ringtail, spotted skunk and weasel	Oct. 2, 2010–Feb. 6, 2011
Beaver and mink	Oct. 2, 2010–April 10, 2011
Bobcat	Dec. 1, 2010–Feb. 6, 2011
Marten	Oct. 2, 2010–Feb. 6, 2011
Red fox and striped skunk	Year round

See page 22 for information on bag limits and other restrictions.

these tags to a bobcat, please read the Tagging Bobcats section on page 9.

Obtain permanent tags: You may obtain permanent marten and bobcat tags—by appointment only—at any Division office. Marten tags will be available Oct. 4, 2010 through Feb. 10, 2011. Bobcat tags will be available Dec. 6, 2010 through Feb. 10, 2011. You can also obtain permanent tags at the Utah Trappers Association Fur Sale on Feb. 11, 2011 from 1–6 p.m. and Feb. 12, 2011 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Restrictions to protect river otters: In an effort to protect transplanted river otters, the middle section of the Provo River has been added to the list of areas with trapping restrictions. See page 16 to learn more.

Checking traps after dark: A trapper on foot may use a flashlight to check traps after dark, and furbearers caught in these traps may be harvested by shooting at any time. Harvesting furbearers by methods other than trapping remains restricted to 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset. Please read Hunting and trapping methods starting on page 11 for details and restrictions.

Accidental trapping of protected species:

Black-footed ferret, lynx and wolf are protected species under the Endangered Species Act, and river otters and wolverines are state-protected species. If you accidentally trap or capture one of these species, you must report it to the Division within 48 hours.

Native American trust lands and national wildlife refuges:

If you want to trap on Native American trust lands and national wildlife refuges in Utah, you should first check with the respective tribal authority or refuge manager.

Coyote hunting: Coyotes are not protected in Utah. They may be hunted without a license, year round.

Make a difference: To participate in Utah's wildlife-management decision-making process, attend your local Regional Advisory Council (RAC) meetings. For more information on the RACs and schedules, visit wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings.

Corrections: If errors are found in this guidebook after it is printed, the Division will correct them in the online copy. Visit wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks to view all of the Division's guidebooks.

Don't lose your hunting and fishing privileges

If you commit a wildlife violation, you could lose the privilege of hunting and fishing in Utah. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources can suspend the license of anyone who knowingly, intentionally or recklessly violates wildlife laws. Your license can be suspended for a wildlife violation if:

- You are convicted.
- You plead guilty or no contest.
- You enter a plea in abeyance.

You will be notified of any action against your privilege after criminal proceedings conclude. And remember, if your license is suspended in Utah, you may not be permitted to hunt or fish in most other states. (Visit ianrc.org to see a map of participating states.)



FEES

Furbearer

Resident license	\$29
Nonresident license	\$154

Bobcat permits

Resident permit	\$5 each (up to 3)
Nonresident permit	\$5 each (up to 3)

Marten permits

Marten permit	No charge
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Trap registration number

Resident	\$10 (payable once)
Nonresident	\$10 (payable once)

Certificates of registration

Fur dealer	\$160
Fur dealer's agent	\$160
Fur dealer renewal	\$40
Fur dealer's agent renewal	\$40

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

Utah Code §§§§ 23-18-2, 23-18-6, 23-19-1, 23-20-3 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-3

Are you planning to hunt or trap bobcats, martens or other furbearers in Utah this year? Before you can obtain any necessary permits, you must meet a few basic requirements.

Are you old enough?

In Utah, there are no age restrictions for individuals who can hunt and trap furbearers. However, if you're under the age of 16, you must be accompanied in the field by your parent, a legal guardian or a responsible person 21 years of age or older. For more information on this requirement, see the adjacent information box.

Have you passed furharvester education?

Utah Code § 23-19-11.5

If you were born after Dec. 31, 1984, you must provide proof that you've passed a furharvester education course approved by the Division before you can:

- Obtain a furbearer license
- Obtain a bobcat permit
- Obtain a marten permit

This proof can be a certificate of completion from your furharvester education course or your previous year's furbearer license that lists your furharvester education number.

Adults must accompany young hunters

Utah Code § 23-20-20

While hunting with any weapon, a person under 14 years old must be accompanied by his or her parent, legal guardian or other responsible person who is 21 years of age or older and who has been approved by the parent or guardian.

A person at least 14 years old and under 16 years old must be accompanied by a person 21 years of age or older while hunting with any weapon.

The Division encourages adults to be familiar with hunter education guidelines or to complete the hunter education course before accompanying youth into the field.

While in the field, the youth and the adult must remain close enough for the adult to see and provide verbal assistance to the young hunter. Using electronic devices, such as walkie-talkies or cell phones, does not meet this requirement.

When a Division employee or license agent issues your furbearer license, he or she will include your furharvester education number on the license.

If you are applying for a resident furbearer license for the first time—and you completed furharvester education in another state or country—you must provide a valid furharvester education number and the name of the state, province or country that issued the number. The Division may research this number to verify that the course you completed meets Utah's standards for safe and responsible trapping.

For more information on how to complete Utah's furharvester education course, visit wildlife.utah.gov/huntereducation.

OBTAINING PERMITS

To harvest most furbearers, you only need a furbearer license. If you want to hunt or trap bobcat or marten, however, you'll need an additional permit. This section describes how to obtain bobcat and marten permits.

Bobcat permits

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-4

If you were born after Dec. 31, 1984, you must have proof of furharvester education before you can purchase a bobcat permit. For more information, see page 6 or visit wildlife.utah.gov/huntereducation.

You must also have a current furbearer license in order to obtain a permit.

Beginning Oct. 4, 2010 at 7 a.m., you may purchase bobcat permits at wildlife.utah.gov or at any Division office. Permits are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and you may purchase no more than three of them.

Bobcat permits will be sold until 6 p.m. on Oct. 28, 2010 or until 4,600 permits have been sold, whichever occurs first. The Utah Wildlife Board has capped the number of available permits at 4,600 because of declines in Utah's bobcat populations.

You must have both your furbearer license and bobcat permit on your person while hunting or trapping.

Do you have a license?

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-6

You must have a current Utah furbearer license before you can:

- Hunt, trap or harvest furbearers
- Obtain or use a bobcat permit
- Obtain or use a marten permit

Furbearer licenses are available at wildlife.utah.gov and from license agents and Division offices.

You do not need a license to hunt or harvest coyote, red fox or striped skunk.

Carry your license and permit

You must have your furbearer license—and any bobcat or marten permits—on your person while in the field. You cannot alter your license or permits, nor can you sell, transfer or loan them to another person.

If you obtain a bobcat permit in 2010, it is valid for the entire 2010–2011 bobcat season.

Marten permits

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-6

If you were born after Dec. 31, 1984, you must have proof of furharvester education before you can obtain a marten permit. For more information, see page 6 or visit wildlife.utah.gov/huntereducation.

You must also have a current furbearer license in order to obtain a permit.

Marten permits are available free of charge from any Division office, beginning Sept. 15, 2010.

You must have a current furbearer license and a marten trapping permit on your person when you trap marten or have marten in your possession.

To request a marten trapping permit, you must provide your full name, mailing address, phone number and your current furbearer license number. You can submit permit requests by mail or in person at any Division office.

OBTAINING AND USING TAGS

As soon as you harvest a bobcat or marten, you need to attach the temporary possession tags. Then, you should plan a time to have a Division employee attach the permanent tag.

Tagging bobcats

Utah Code §23-20-30 & Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-5

Before you move the bobcat's carcass or leave the site of the kill, you must tag the pelt with a temporary possession tag. (See the illustration on page 10 to review the two tags attached to the permit—one for the pelt and one for the jaw.) The tagging process requires you to:

- Completely detach the tags from the permit
- Remove the notches that correspond with the harvest date and the animal's sex
- Attach the temporary possession tag to the unskinned carcass (also called a green pelt) so that the tag remains securely fastened and visible

Later, you can remove the lower jaw of the bobcat and tag it with the numbered jaw tag that corresponds to the number on the pelt tag.

While tagging a bobcat, you may not remove more than one notch indicating date or sex, nor can you tag more than one bobcat using the same tag.

The temporary possession tag must remain attached to the green pelt or unskinned carcass until a permanent bobcat tag has been affixed.

You may not use a bobcat permit to hunt, trap or pursue bobcat after any of the notches have been removed from the temporary possession tag or the tag has been detached from the permit. Possession of an untagged green pelt or unskinned carcass is prima facie evidence of unlawful taking and possession.

Permanent possession tags for bobcat and marten

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-7

If you harvest a bobcat or marten, you must have a Division employee attach a permanent possession tag to the pelt no later than the Saturday after the close of the bobcat and marten seasons.

If you trapped marten, please bring the entire skinned carcass intact, including the lower jaw, in good condition when you present the pelt for tagging. Good condition means the carcass is fresh or frozen and securely wrapped to prevent decomposi-

tion. These measures ensure that the tissue remains suitable for lab analysis.

You may not buy, sell, trade or barter a green pelt from a bobcat or marten that does not have a permanent tag affixed.

Obtaining permanent tags

When you bring bobcat and marten pelts to a Division office, a Division employee will attach a permanent tag and take possession of the lower jaw. You can also have a permanent possession tag attached at the Utah Trappers Association Fur Sale.

Bring any marten pelt to one of the following locations:

- A Division office listed on page 2. Visits are by appointment only from Oct. 4, 2010 through Feb. 10, 2011.
- The Utah Trappers Association Fur Sale on Feb. 11, 2011 from 1–6 p.m. and on Feb. 12, 2011 from 8 a.m.–noon.

If you have bobcat pelts, bring them to one of the following locations:

- A Division office listed on page 2. Visits are by appointment only from Dec. 6, 2010 through Feb. 10, 2011.
- The Utah Trappers Association Fur Sale on Feb.

Permanent tagging of pelts

Don't forget to get your permanent marten tags. They will be available at any Division office—by appointment only—from Oct. 4, 2010 through Feb. 10, 2011.

Permanent bobcat tags will be available from Dec. 6, 2010 through Feb. 10, 2011. Please contact a Division office to make an appointment. **Remember: Division offices are closed on Fridays.**

You may also have permanent tags affixed at the Utah Trappers Association fur sale. The sale will be held Feb. 11, 2011 from 1–6 p.m. and Feb. 12, 2011 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Duplicate license or permit

Utah Code § 23-19-10 & Utah Admin. Rule R657-42

If your valid furbearer license is destroyed, lost or stolen, you may obtain a duplicate from a Division office or license agent. To obtain a duplicate bobcat or marten permit, you must visit a Division office.

The duplicate will cost \$10, or half of the price of the original license or permit, whichever is less.

The Division may waive the fee for a duplicate unexpired license or permit, provided you did not receive the original document.

To obtain the duplicate license or permit, you may be required to complete an affidavit testifying to its loss, destruction or theft.

Sales final: Exceptions and refunds

Utah Code § 23-19-38 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-42

Some hunters and trappers successfully obtain licenses or permits and then realize—for one reason or another—that they won't be able to use them.

In most cases, the Division cannot refund the cost of the license or permit, but there are some exceptions. The Division may provide a refund under the following circumstances:

- The Division or the Utah Wildlife Board cancels the hunt for which you obtained the permit.
- The Division determines that it collected a fee from you by mistake. If you believe the Division collected a fee from you by mistake, please contact the agency. The Division has a commit-

Residency

Utah Code § 23-13-2(37)

Before you purchase a furbearer license, it's important to know whether you are a legal resident of the state of Utah. See the definition of residency on pages 23–24 to determine whether you are a resident or a nonresident.

tee that reviews these mistakes.

- You become ill or suffer an injury that prevents you from participating in the hunt you obtained a permit for. To receive a refund, you must provide verification from a physician of your illness or injury. You must also surrender the permit before the season the permit was issued for ends. You cannot receive a refund if you hunted.
- If you're a member of the United States Armed Forces, or a public health or a public safety organization, you might be eligible for a refund if you're mobilized or deployed in the interest of national defense or emergency, and your mobilization or deployment prevents you from participating in the hunting or fishing activity you bought the license or permit for.

A refund may also be granted if the permit recipient dies before he or she can participate in the hunt.

To download a refund-request form, visit wildlife.utah.gov/licenses/refund_surrender.

11, 2011 from 1–6 p.m. and on Feb. 12, 2011 from 8 a.m.–noon.

There is no fee for the permanent tags. You will receive them after the employee verifies the bobcat was tagged with the temporary possession tag that corresponds to your bobcat permit. The employee will also review your furbearer license.

Transporting pelts to obtain tags

Bobcat and marten that were legally harvested may be transported by someone other than the furharvester to have the permanent tag affixed.

If you transport a bobcat or marten for another person, you must have written authorization that includes all of the following information:

- Date of kill
- Location of kill
- Species and sex of animal being transported
- Origin and destination of transportation
- The name, address, signature and furbearer license number of the furharvester
- The name of the individual transporting the bobcat or marten
- The furharvester's marten permit number, if marten is being transported

Bring 'em clean

Before you bring the lower jaw and pelt of a bobcat to a Division office for permanent tagging, please remove as much flesh as possible.

You should also allow the jaw and pelt to dry in the open air. Do not use a storage or transport container made of plastic—use a paper bag or cardboard box instead. This will help prevent the jaw from decaying.

You can download an authorization form at wildlife.utah.gov/furbearer that makes it easy to collect all of the required information.

Animals harvested outside of Utah

Green pelts of bobcats and marten legally harvested outside of the state may not be possessed, bought, sold, traded or bartered in Utah unless one of the following conditions applies:

- A permanent tag has been affixed.
- The pelts are accompanied by a shipping permit issued by the wildlife agency of the state where the animal was harvested.

FIELD REQUIREMENTS

Several rules govern furbearer hunting and trapping in Utah. These rules exist to help keep you safe and to ensure an ethical hunt. Please be familiar with the requirements for safely using trapping devices and firearms. You should also know the different types of hunting methods you may use and what you're required to do with any furbearer you harvest.

Checkpoints and officer contacts

Utah Code §§ 23-20-25 and 77-23-104

Division conservation officers and biologists monitor the harvest and possession of furbearers. They may also stop hunters and trappers to ensure they have the required permits, firearms and trapping equipment. You should expect to encounter conservation officers and biologists checking hunters in the field and at checkpoints.

If you're contacted by a conservation officer, you must provide the officer with the items he or she requests. These may include any licenses, permits and tags required for hunting, any devices used to participate in hunting and any game you've taken. These contacts allow the Division to collect valuable information about Utah's furbearer populations.

Participating in surveys

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-24

If the Division contacts you about your furharvesting experience, please participate in the survey regardless of your success. Your participation helps the Division evaluate population trends, assess harvest success and collect other valuable information.

Aiding or assisting in violations

Utah Code § 23-20-23

You may not aid or assist another person to violate any provisions of the Wildlife Resources Code, rule, proclamation or guidebook.

The penalty for aiding or assisting is the same as that imposed for the primary violation.

Hunting and trapping methods

Harvest methods and shooting hours

Utah Code §§ 23-20-3, 23-20-12 & Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-13

You may harvest all furbearers—except for bobcats and marten—by any means, excluding explosives, poisons and crossbows. While hunting and trapping, you may not use the illegal spotlighting methods described on page 14.

Bobcats may be taken only by shooting or trapping, or with the aid of dogs.

Marten may be taken only with an elevated, covered set in which the maximum trap size shall not exceed 1½ foothold or 160 Conibear.

Harvesting furbearers by means other than trapping is restricted to 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset, unless you have a permit from the county to spotlight coyote, red fox, striped skunk or raccoon. For more information on spotlighting, see page 14.

Furbearers caught in a trapping device may be taken by shooting at any time.

You may check traps and remove animals at any time, except on certain waterfowl management areas. For more information, see page 12.

You may not take any wildlife from an airplane or any other airborne vehicle or device, or from any motorized terrestrial or aquatic vehicle, including snowmobiles and other recreational vehicles.

Trap registration numbers

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-9

Before you can use a trap in the field, you must permanently and legibly mark it with your trap registration number.

You can obtain your trap registration number at any Division office. After you provide your full name (including a middle initial), your complete home ad-

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CLERK INIT: CLERK Bobcat

DATE ISSUED: 07/14/2009

TIME OF SALE: 02:34 PM

LICENSE/PERMIT #: 987654321

CODE: T041, \$5.00

DESCRIPTION: RESIDENT BOBCAT PERMIT

AREA: Statewide See Current Proc. for exceptions

SEASON: See Current Proclamation

NAME: name

ADDRESS: address1 address2 address3

OWNERS SIGNATURE

I certify that I am qualified under all prevailing laws and statutes to possess this permit and that my permanent primary domicile has been in Utah for ____ Yrs ____ Mos ____ Ds. I understand that this permit is for personal use only and may not be used until signed by the person whose name appears on the face of this permit.

This is your receipt copy. Detach this piece here and keep it in a safe place.

License Number: 987654321

Code: T041, \$5.00

Agent Number: ANBR

Customer Id: clientid

name

address1

address2

address3

DETACH HERE AFTER KILL

Customer ID #: clientid

DOB: dateOfBirth

EDUCATION #: educationNbr

PHONE #: phoneNbr

GENDE: gender

WEIGHT: weight

HAIR CO.: hairColor

DRIVER LIC #: driverLic

DESCRIPTION: RESIDENT BOBCAT TAG - 2009/2010

TEMPORARY POSSESSION PELT TAG

Attach tag to green pelt. To validate tag, cut appropriate notches, one in name of county and one in name of furbearer.

County: Furbearer License Nbr.

DETACH HERE AFTER KILL

Customer ID #: 987654321

DESCRIPTION: RESIDENT BOBCAT TAG - 2009/2010 JAW TAG

Attach tag to bobcat's lower jaw. Give to Division Wildlife Resources when permanent tag is affixed to green pelt. To validate tag cut appropriate notches.

County: Furbearer License Nbr.

dress and a one-time \$10 registration fee, a Division employee will assign you a trap registration number.

You will be assigned only one registration number. This is your permanent number, and you should mark it on each of your traps.

You may not have more than one registration number on your traps.

You must notify the Division within 30 days if you change your address or if your traps are stolen.

Traps

Utah Code § 23-13-4 & Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-10

All long-spring, jump or coil-spring traps must have spacers on the jaws that leave an opening of at least 3/16 of an inch when the jaws are closed. The only exceptions to this requirement are the following types of traps:

- Rubber-padded jaw traps
- Traps with jaw spreads less than 4 ¼ inches
- Traps that are completely submerged under water when set

All snares, except those set in water or with a loop size less than three inches in diameter, must be equipped with a breakaway lock device that will release when any force greater than 300 pounds is applied to the loop. Breakaway snares must be fastened to an immovable object solidly secured to the ground. The use of drags is prohibited.

Avoiding nontarget species

The following recommendations from the Division and the Utah Trappers Association can help you avoid catching cougars, domestic animals and other nontarget species in traps set for bobcats and other furbearers.

- Use traps with smaller jaw spreads. For example, a number 2 trap is big enough to catch bobcats, but the larger foot of a cougar may spring the trap without getting caught.
- Avoid using 4-coiled traps. A 2-coiled trap is sufficient to hold bobcats and coyotes, but larger animals like cougars or domestic animals should be able to pull out of the trap.
- Anchor foothold traps solidly to the ground and avoid using drags. A cougar or other large animal will have a better chance of pulling out of a trap that is solidly anchored.

Setting and checking traps

You may not set any trap or trapping device on posted private property without the landowner's permission. Landowners have the right to spring any traps set on their property without their permission.

If you see an illegally set trap or trapping device, notify a conservation officer as soon as possible. While performing their duties, conservation officers may seize all traps, trapping devices and wildlife used or held in violation of the rules in this guidebook.

All traps and trapping devices must be checked, and any animals removed, at least once every 48 hours. The only exception is if you are using the following types of traps, which must be checked, and have any animals removed, every 96 hours:

- Killing traps that strike the top and bottom of the animal simultaneously
- Drowning sets
- Lethal snares that are set to capture on the neck, that have a nonrelaxing lock without a stop, and that are anchored to an immovable object

If you are unable to check your own traps, you may authorize another person to check them for you. Only someone who possesses a valid furbearer license—and the necessary permits to check traps

- When using a snare, reduce the loop size and set it about eight inches off the ground. A smaller loop size won't fit around a cougar's head, and if the loop is set low, it will likely miss the heads of most large nontarget animals.
- If you catch a cougar kitten, remove traps from the area to avoid catching additional kittens.
- If you know that cougars are in a particular area, find another place to trap. Cougars usually displace bobcats from areas that they frequent.
- Avoid setting traps near trails that are frequently used by people and dogs.
- Avoid using baits that are likely to attract pets or other nontarget species.

and remove protected wildlife—may check your traps in your absence. See "Removing traps and trapped wildlife" in the next section for all wildlife-removal requirements.

You may not transport or possess live protected wildlife. Any animal found in a trap or trapping device must be killed or released immediately by the trapper or the person authorized to check the trap.

Removing traps and trapped wildlife

You may not disturb or remove any trapping device—nor can you kill or remove wildlife caught in a trap—unless you meet all of the following conditions:

- You possess a current furbearer license
- You possess the appropriate permits or tags
- You have been issued a trapper registration number, which is permanently marked or attached to the trapping device

There is one exception to the above law. A person, other than the owner, may possess, disturb or remove a trapping device—or possess, kill or remove wildlife caught in a trap—as long as that person has all of the following:

- A current furbearer license
- The appropriate permits or tags
- Written authorization from the owner of the trapping device that includes all of the following items:
 - The date written authorization was obtained
 - The name and address of the owner
 - The owner's trap registration number
 - The name of the individual being given authorization
 - The owner's signature

Nothing in this section allows you to use the license, tag or permit of another person.

While you're hunting and trapping, you may not possess any trapping device that is not permanently marked or tagged with your registered trap number unless you have received written permission as described above.

If your registered trap number is on a trapping device, you can be held liable for any violations committed with that device. This rule still applies if you've authorized someone else to use the device.

Did it get wet? Decontaminate it!

When you go hunting or trapping, some of your gear inevitably gets wet or muddy.

Your waders, clothes, shoes, traps and knives provide good hiding places for microscopic invasive species or whirling disease spores.

Before you leave a trapping area and step into another water, rinse all the mud and other debris off of your waders, boots and wetted trapping gear or equipment. Then, generously spray all of it—especially the felt soles of waders—with Formula 409 (a popular household cleaner). This treatment will kill any whirling disease spores.

After you return home, thoroughly clean and dry all of your gear before using it again.

To learn more, visit wildlife.utah.gov/mussels.

That's why it's important to report stolen traps to the Division as soon as possible.

You must also keep a record of the individuals who have written authorization to remove your traps, and supply a copy of that record to a conservation officer, upon request.

Use of bait

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-11

You may not use any protected wildlife or their parts—except for white-bleached bones with no hide or flesh attached—as bait. However, you may use parts of legally taken furbearers and nonprotected wildlife as bait.

You may not set traps or trapping devices within 30 feet of any exposed bait.

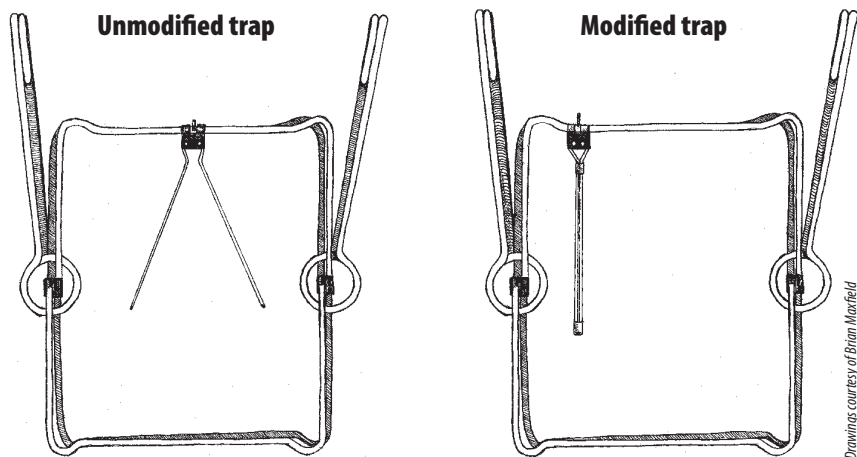
If you use bait, you can be held responsible if it becomes exposed for any reason.

White-bleached bones with no hide or flesh attached may be set within 30 feet of traps.

Loaded firearms in a vehicle

Utah Code §§§§ 76-10-502, 76-10-504, 76-10-505 and 76-10-523

You may not carry a loaded firearm in or on a vehicle unless you meet all of the following conditions:



Unmodified and modified Conibear traps

Standard V-trigger assemblies on Conibear traps (shown on the left) are not legal on certain parts of the Colorado, Green, Escalante and Provo rivers (see page 16 for locations). The modification shown on the right (one top side-parallel trigger assembly) is now required to protect river otters (see page 16 for more on required modifications).

- You own the vehicle or have permission from the vehicle's owner.
- The firearm is a handgun.
- You are 18 years of age or older.

A pistol, revolver, rifle or shotgun is considered to be loaded when there is an unexpended cartridge, shell or projectile in the firing position.

Pistols and revolvers are also considered to be loaded when an unexpended cartridge, shell or projectile is in a position whereby the manual operation of any mechanism once would cause the unexpended cartridge, shell or projectile to be fired.

A muzzleloading firearm is considered loaded when it is capped or primed and has a powder charge and ball or shot in the barrel or cylinders.

The firearm restrictions in this section do not apply to concealed firearm permit holders carrying a concealed weapon in accordance with Utah Code § 76-10-504, provided the person is not utilizing the concealed firearm to hunt or take wildlife.

Please see Utah Code §§ 76-10-504 and 76-10-523 at wildlife.utah.gov/rules for more information.

Areas where you cannot discharge a firearm

Utah Code § 76-10-508 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-11

You may not discharge a dangerous weapon or firearm under any of the following circumstances:

- From a vehicle
- From, upon or across any highway
- At power lines or signs
- At railroad equipment or facilities, including any sign or signal
- Within Utah state park camp or picnic sites, overlooks, golf courses, boat ramps or developed beaches
- Without written permission from the owner or property manager, within 600 feet of:
 - A house, dwelling or any other building
 - Any structure in which a domestic animal is kept or fed, including a barn, poultry yard, corral, feeding pen or stockyard

Spotlighting

Utah Code §§ 23-20-3, 76-10-504, 76-10-523 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-14

You may not use spotlighting to hunt or harvest protected wildlife.

Trappers Association Reward Program

Every year, Utah trappers lose hundreds of traps to thieves.

The Utah Trappers Association is offering a reward—up to \$500—for individuals who report trap theft to the Division, which results in a successful prosecution. If you see someone stealing a trap, report it through the Division's poaching hotline at 1-800-662-3337.

If you encounter traps while outdoors, you have a legal obligation to respect that private property. At the same time, trappers have an ethical obligation not to set traps in areas where they are likely to be encountered by the general public or their pets.

You may not use a spotlight, headlight or other artificial light to locate any protected wildlife while having in your possession a firearm or other weapon or device that could be used to take or injure protected wildlife.

The use of a spotlight or other artificial light in any area where protected wildlife are generally found is prima facie evidence of attempting to locate protected wildlife. (Prima facie evidence means that if you're spotlighting, the burden of proof falls on you to prove that you were not attempting to locate protected wildlife.)

The provisions of this section do not apply to the following individuals:

- A person who uses the headlights of a motor vehicle—or other artificial light—in a usual manner, where there is no attempt or intent to locate protected wildlife.
- A trapper who uses an artificial light to illuminate the path and trap sites for the purpose of conducting the required trap checks. In this instance, the trapper must carry the artificial light. It cannot be a motor vehicle headlight or a light attached to or powered by a motor vehicle. And while checking traps with an artificial light, the trapper may not occupy or operate any motor vehicle.

Some counties allow spotlighting if a hunter is trying to harvest coyote, red fox, striped skunk or

Are you allowed to possess a weapon?

Utah Code § 76-10-503

It is illegal under Utah Code § 76-10-503 to possess or use a firearm, muzzleloader, archery tackle or any other dangerous weapon if you:

- Have been convicted of or are under indictment for any felony offense;
- Are on probation or parole for a felony offense;
- Are on parole from a secure facility;
- Have been adjudicated delinquent (juvenile) in the last seven years of an offense that, if committed by an adult, would have been a felony;
- Are an unlawful user of a controlled substance;
- Have been found not guilty by reason of insanity for a felony offense;
- Have been found mentally incompetent to stand trial for a felony offense;
- Have been adjudicated mentally defective as provided in the federal Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act;
- Have been committed to a mental institution;
- Are an alien who is illegally in the United States;
- Have been dishonorably discharged from the armed forces; or
- Have renounced your United States citizenship.

The purchase or possession of any hunting license, permit, tag or certificate of registration from the Division does not authorize the holder to legally possess or use a firearm, muzzleloader, archery tackle or any other dangerous weapon while hunting if they are otherwise restricted from possessing these weapons under Utah Code § 76-10-503.

raccoon. See Utah Code § 23-13-17 and your county laws and ordinances for more information.

Even if your county's laws do not permit spotlighting, you may still use spotlighting to hunt

coyote, red fox, striped skunk or raccoon if you are one of the following individuals:

- A landowner (or his agent) who is protecting crops or domestic animals from predation by those animals
- An animal damage-control agent, acting in an official capacity under a memorandum of understanding with the Division

In addition, the above restrictions do not apply to a concealed carry permit holder who is carrying a concealed weapon in accordance with Utah Code §§ 76-10-504 and 76-10-523. See wildlife.utah.gov/rules for more information.

Carrying a dangerous weapon while under the influence of alcohol or drugs

Utah Code § 76-10-528

You may not carry a dangerous weapon or hunt furbearers while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Please see Utah Code § 76-10-528 at wildlife.utah.gov/rules for more information.

Use of dogs

Utah Code § 23-20-3 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-15

You may use dogs to pursue or harvest furbearers from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset, and only during the open seasons listed in

this guidebook. See page 22 for season dates and bag limits.

If you are the owner or handler of the dogs, you must have a valid furbearer license in your possession while you are pursuing or harvesting a furbearer.

When dogs are used to pursue furbearers, the licensed hunter who intends to take the furbearer must be present when the dogs are released. Then, the licensed hunter must continuously participate in the hunt until it ends.

Use of weapons on waterfowl management areas

Utah Admin. Rule R657-9-11

You may only possess a shotgun or archery tackle on the following waterfowl management areas during the specified waterfowl hunting seasons or as authorized by the Division:

- Box Elder County—Harold S. Crane, Locomotive Springs, Public Shooting Grounds and Salt Creek
- Daggett County—Brown's Park
- Davis County—Farmington Bay, Howard Slough and Ogden Bay
- Emery County—Desert Lake
- Millard County—Clear Lake

- Tooele County—Timpie Springs
- Uintah County—Stewart Lake
- Utah County—Powell Slough
- Wayne County—Bicknell Bottoms
- Weber County—Ogden Bay and Harold S. Crane

The firearm restrictions listed in this section do not apply to a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon in accordance with Utah Code § 53-5-7, as long that person is not using the concealed firearm to hunt or harvest wildlife.

State parks

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-16 and R651-614-4

Hunting any wildlife is prohibited within the boundaries of all state park areas, except those designated open to hunting by the Division of Parks and Recreation in Utah Admin. Rule R651-614-4.

Hunting with rifles, handguns or muzzleloaders in park areas designated open to hunting is prohibited within one mile of all park facilities, including buildings, camp or picnic sites, overlooks, golf courses, boat ramps and developed beaches.

Hunting with shotguns or archery tackle is prohibited within one-quarter mile of the above areas.

Prohibited species

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-25 and R657-11-12

If you accidentally trap a bear, bobcat, cougar, marten, river otter or wolverine; a furbearer out of season; or any other protected wildlife, you must release the animal unharmed.

You may not intentionally hunt, trap or harvest black-footed ferret, lynx, river otter, wolf or wolverine. If you accidentally trap or capture any of these species, you must report it to the Division within 48 hours.

If the animal perishes, you must obtain written permission from a Division representative to remove its carcass from the trap. The carcass remains the property of the state and must be turned over to the Division.

Trespassing

Utah Code §§ 23-20-14, 23-21-14 and 23-20-3.5

While taking wildlife or engaging in wildlife-related activities, you may not do any of the following activities:

Areas closed to beaver and mink trapping

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-26

The following areas are closed to beaver and mink trapping at all times:

- Beaver County—Pine Creek (New)
- Garfield County—Hunt Creek west of U.S. Forest Service boundary
- Grand County—Willow Creek (New), Bitter Creek and Sweetwater drainages
- Garfield and Kane counties—Swains Creek above the confluence with Asay Creek, the East Fork of Sevier River and tributaries above Blue Fly Creek
- Garfield and Iron counties—Bear Creek drainage and the following creeks above Panguitch Lake: Blue Springs Creek, Bunker Creek and Deer Creek
- Rich County—Big Creek above ranches, Randolph Creek, Woodruff Creek above Woodruff Reservoir; and Pine Creek, Dip Hollow and Peggy Hollow within the U.S. Forest Service boundary
- Summit County—All lands east of SR-150 and south of U.S. Forest Service roads 017, 058, 072 and 077 (commonly known as the North Slope Road)
- Uintah County—Willow Creek (New), Bitter Creek and Sweetwater drainages

There are also trapping-device restrictions on parts of the Colorado, Escalante, Green and Provo rivers, including their tributaries and some of the surrounding land. You can read more about these restrictions in the information box on page 16.

- Enter upon privately owned land that is cultivated or properly posted without the permission of the owner or the person in charge of the land
- Refuse to immediately leave the private land if requested to do so by the owner or person in charge
- Obstruct any entrance or exit to private property

Trap restrictions to protect river otters

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-26

To protect Utah's river otter populations, there are trapping-device restrictions for the following areas:

- Colorado River, between Utah-Colorado state line and Lake Powell
- Escalante River, between Escalante and Lake Powell
- Green River, between Flaming Gorge Dam and the Utah-Colorado state line
- Middle section of the Provo River, between Jordanelle Dam and Deer Creek Reservoir

If you are trapping within 100 yards of either side of these four rivers—or their tributaries—and up to one-half mile from their confluences, you may use only the following devices:

- Nonlethal-set leg hold traps with a jaw spread less than 5 1/8 inches, and nonlethal-set padded leg hold traps. Drowning sets with these traps are prohibited.
- Body-gripping, killing-type traps with body-gripping area less than 30 square inches (i.e., 110 Conibear).
- Nonlethal dry land snares equipped with a stop-lock device that prevents it from closing to less than a six-inch diameter.
- Size 330, body-gripping, killing-type traps (i.e. Conibear) modified by replacing the standard V-trigger assembly with one top side-parallel trigger assembly, with the trigger placed within one inch of the side, or butted against the vertical turn in the Canadian bend (see figure on page 14).

“Cultivated land” is land that is readily identifiable as land whose soil is loosened or broken up for the raising of crops, land used for the raising of crops, or a pasture that is artificially irrigated.

“Permission” means written authorization from the owner or person in charge to enter upon private land that is cultivated or properly posted. Permission must include all of the following details:

- The signature of the owner or person in charge
- The name of the person being given permission
- The approved access dates
- A general description of the land

“Properly posted” means that “No Trespassing” signs—or a minimum of 100 square inches of bright yellow, bright orange or fluorescent paint—are displayed at all corners, on fishing streams crossing property lines, and on roads, gates and rights-of-way entering the land. If metal fence posts are used, the entire exterior side must be painted.

You may not post private property you do not own or legally control or land that is open to the public as provided by Utah Code § 23-21-4. In addition, it is unlawful to take protected wildlife or their parts while trespassing in violation of Utah Code § 23-20-14.

You are guilty of a class B misdemeanor if you violate any provision described in this section. Your license, tag or permit privileges may also be suspended.

Restricted areas

Utah military installations (including Camp Williams) and federal wildlife refuges are closed to hunting, trapping and trespassing, unless otherwise authorized.

If you are hunting on Native American trust lands, you must observe the tribe’s wildlife regulations.

Wildlife management areas

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-33

Most Division-owned wildlife management areas (WMAs) are closed to motor vehicles. You may only access one of these areas in a motor vehicle if you have already obtained written authorization from the appropriate Division regional office.

For the purpose of coyote trapping, the Division may authorize limited motor vehicle access to certain WMAs. In this case, the motor vehicle access must not interfere with wildlife or wildlife habitat.

Goshen Warm Springs WMA is closed to all hunting.

Possession, sale and transportation

Transporting furbearers

Utah Code § 23-13-4 & Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-17

You may only transport the green pelts of furbearers if you possess the appropriate license and permits. If you have harvested bobcat or marten, they must be correctly tagged. For more information on attaching temporary and permanent tags, see page 9.

A registered Utah fur dealer—or that person’s agent—may transport or ship green pelts of furbearers within Utah.

No one may transport or possess live protected wildlife, except as permitted by Utah Admin. Rule R657-3.

You do not need a furbearer license in order to transport coyote, red fox or striped skunk.

Exporting furbearers from Utah

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-18

You may not export or ship the green pelt of any furbearer from Utah without first obtaining a valid shipping permit from the Division.

You do not need a furbearer license in order to export coyote, red fox or striped skunk from Utah.

Sales

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-19

If you possess a valid furbearer license, you may sell, offer for sale, barter or exchange only those species you were licensed to take and that you legally harvested.

Any person who obtains a valid fur dealer or fur dealer’s agent certificate of registration may buy, sell or trade green pelts or parts of furbearers within Utah.

Fur dealers (or their agents and taxidermists) must keep records of all transactions dealing with

green pelts of furbearers. Those records must contain all of the following information:

- The transaction date
- The name, address, license number and tag number of each seller

If the ownership of a pelt changes, the above information must be listed on a receipt issued to the new owner.

You may possess legally acquired furbearers and tanned hides—without possessing a furbearer license—as long as you can provide proof of legal ownership.

A furbearer license is not required to sell or possess coyote, red fox or striped skunk or their parts.

Wasting wildlife

Utah Code § 23-20-8 & Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-20

You may not waste—or permit to be wasted or spoiled—any protected wildlife or its parts.

You may, however, leave the skinned carcass of a furbearer in the field. This action does not constitute waste of wildlife.

Depredation

Badger, weasel and spotted skunk

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-21

If a badger, weasel or spotted skunk is creating a nuisance or causing damage, you may harvest it

at any time—without a license—as long as you do not sell or trade the animal or its parts.

You may harvest red fox or striped skunk at any time, without a license.

Bobcat

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-22

An animal damage control agent may remove or harvest a depredating bobcat as long as the agent is supervised by the animal damage control program and following Division-approved procedures.

A livestock owner or the owner’s employee may take bobcats that are harassing livestock. The employee must be on a regular payroll and not hired specifically to take furbearers.

Any bobcat harvested by a livestock owner or an employee must be surrendered to the Division within 72 hours.

Beaver

Utah Code § 23-18-4 & Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-23

If a beaver is causing damage, you may harvest or remove it during closed seasons, but you must first obtain a permit from a Division office or conservation officer.

**If you want to hunt it tomorrow,
help us protect it today.**



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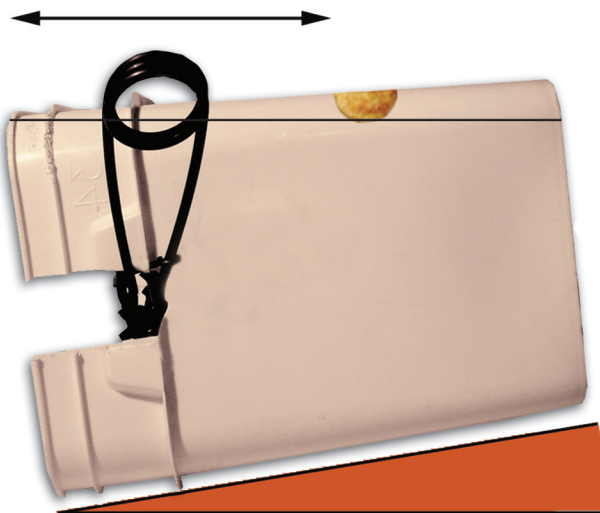
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Turn In a Poacher

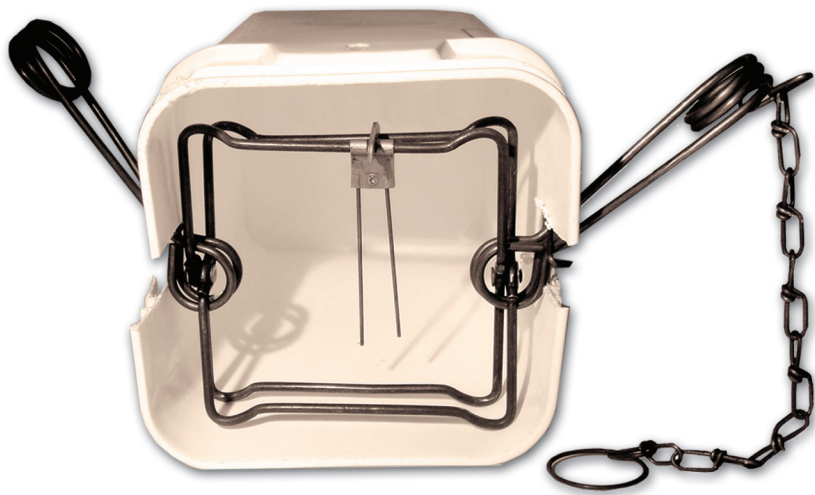
ARTIFICIAL CUBBY SET

This manufactured container has an opening on one end that houses a trapping device.

Bait must be 8 inches from the opening.



Tilt the trap so bait cannot be seen from above.



Artificial cubby sets must be placed with the top of the opening even with or below the bottom of the bait so that the bait is not visible from above.

TRAPPING ON WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREAS

Applications and permits

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-27

Every year, trappers apply for permits to trap muskrat, beaver and other furbearers on Utah's Waterfowl Management Areas (WMAs). You may only trap on a state WMA if you have the necessary permit.

WMA trapping permit applications will be accepted online from 7 a.m. on Sept. 27, 2010 until 6 p.m. on Oct. 11, 2010.

The online application process is new this year, and there is no fee to apply. To access the application Web site and to view which areas are open this year, go to wildlife.utah.gov/furbearer/WMA_application.php. For assistance applying online, call 801-538-4700 before 6 p.m. on Oct. 11, 2010.

If the Division receives more applications than the number of permits available, a drawing will be held to determine successful applicants and alternates. Drawing results will be available on Oct. 14, 2010.

For more information about trapping on WMAs, contact the superintendents of the WMAs where you plan to trap. You can find their contact information online at wildlife.utah.gov/furbearer/wma_contact_info.pdf.

Fees

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-28

Although there isn't an application fee, there is a permit fee if you are successful in obtaining a permit. Permit fees vary, depending on the WMA where you want to trap. You can view a complete list of WMA trapping permit fees at wildlife.utah.gov/furbearer/WMA_application.php.

After you pay your permit fee, you will have trapping rights for a particular management area.

Permits are not valid until they have been signed by the superintendent in charge of the area to be trapped.

Vehicle travel

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-29

Vehicle travel on WMAs is restricted to developed roads. However, written permission for other travel may be obtained from the WMA superintendent.

Trapping hours

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-30

On WMAs, you may only check traps from 30 minutes before official sunrise to 30 minutes after official sunset.

Responsibility of trappers

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-31

All trappers are directly responsible to the WMA superintendent.

If you violate a WMA's management or trapping rules, as determined and recommended by the superintendent, you may lose current and future trapping privileges on all WMAs.

Special regulations at Layton-Kaysville marshes

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-32

Trapping is allowed only from Feb. 1–28, 2011 on the state-administered lands along the eastern shore of the Great Salt Lake in Davis County (an area commonly known as the Layton–Kaysville marshes). A portion of the above area may also be closed to trapping. If it is closed, the area will be posted and marked.

SEASON DATES AND BAG LIMITS

Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-26

Badger

- **Season dates:** Oct. 2, 2010–Feb. 6, 2011
- **Areas open:** Statewide*
- **Bag limit:** None

Beaver

- **Season dates:** Oct. 2, 2010–April 10, 2011
- **Areas open:** Statewide*, **except the areas listed in the information box on page 17.**
- **Bag limit:** None
- **Notes:** There are trapping-device restrictions on and near sections of the Colorado, Escalante, Green and Provo rivers. See the information box on page 16 for more information.

Bobcat

- **Season dates:** Dec. 1, 2010–Feb. 6, 2011
- **Areas open:** Statewide*
- **Bag limit:** 3
- **Possession limit:** One per permit, up to a maximum of three
- **Notes:** Bobcats may be taken only by shooting, trapping or with the aid of dogs.

Gray fox

- **Season dates:** Oct. 2, 2010–Feb. 6, 2011
- **Areas open:** Statewide*
- **Bag limit:** None

Kit fox voluntary release

Kit fox are native to the arid regions of Utah and are on Utah's sensitive species list.

The Division encourages trappers to release all kit fox unharmed and to continue trapping coyotes in desert regions of the state.

Division biologists are concerned that an increase in artificial water sources has allowed more coyotes to populate arid regions. Higher numbers of coyotes could displace kit fox populations and provide more competition for limited resources.

Kit fox

- **Season dates:** Oct. 2, 2010–Feb. 6, 2011
- **Areas open:** Statewide*
- **Bag limit:** None

Marten

- **Season dates:** Oct. 2, 2010–Feb. 6, 2011
- **Areas open:** Daggett, Duchesne, Summit and Uintah counties, except where special regulations may apply on Native American trust lands
- **Bag limit:** None

Mink

- **Season dates:** Oct. 2, 2010–April 10, 2011
- **Areas open:** Statewide*, **except the areas listed in the information box on page 17.**
- **Bag limit:** None
- **Notes:** There are trapping-device restrictions on and near sections of the Colorado, Escalante, Green and Provo rivers. See the information box on page 16 for more information.

Red fox

- **Season dates:** Year round
- **Areas open:** Statewide*
- **Bag limit:** None
- **Notes:** You do not need a license to hunt or harvest red fox.

Ringtail

- **Season dates:** Oct. 2, 2010–Feb. 6, 2011
- **Areas open:** Statewide*
- **Bag limit:** None

Spotted skunk

- **Season dates:** Oct. 2, 2010–Feb. 6, 2011
- **Areas open:** Statewide*
- **Bag limit:** None

The Department of Agriculture regulates the possession of raccoons and coyotes. To learn more, visit <http://go.usa.gov/O8T>.

Striped skunk

- **Season dates:** Year round
- **Areas open:** Statewide*
- **Bag limit:** None
- **Notes:** You do not need a license to hunt or harvest striped skunk.

*Special regulations may apply on national wildlife refuges, Native American trust lands and waterfowl management areas

DEFINITIONS

Utah Code § 23-13-2 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-11-2

Artificial cubby set means any manufactured container with an opening on one end that houses a trapping device. Bait must be placed inside the artificial cubby set at least eight inches from the opening. Artificial cubby sets must be placed with the top of the opening even with or below the bottom of the bait so that the bait is not visible from above. See the illustration on page 20.

Bait means any lure containing animal parts larger than one cubic inch—or eight cubic inches, if used in an artificial cubby set—with the exception of white-bleached bones with no hide or flesh attached.

Carcass means the dead body of an animal or its parts.

Certificate of registration means a document issued under the Wildlife Resources Code, or any rule or proclamation of the Wildlife Board granting authority to engage in activities not covered by a license, permit or tag.

Exposed bait means bait that is visible from any angle, except when used in an artificial cubby set.

Furbearer means species of the *Bassariscidae*, *Canidae*, *Felidae*, *Mustelidae* and *Castoridae* families, except coyote and cougar.

Fur dealer means any individual engaged in, wholly or in part, the business of buying, selling, or trading skins or pelts of furbearers within Utah.

Fur dealer's agent means any person who is employed by a resident or nonresident fur dealer as a buyer.

Weasel

- **Season dates:** Oct. 2, 2010–Feb. 6, 2011
- **Areas open:** Statewide*
- **Bag limit:** None

Green pelt means the untanned hide or skin of any furbearer.

Livestock means cattle, sheep, goats and turkeys.

Nonresident means a person who does not qualify as a resident.

Permit means a document, including a stamp, that grants authority to engage in specified activities under the Wildlife Resources Code or a rule or proclamation of the Wildlife Board.

Possession means actual or constructive possession.

Protected wildlife means the animals defined in the "wildlife" definition below. It does not include coyote, field mouse, gopher, ground squirrel, jack-rabbit, muskrat and raccoon.

Pursue means to chase, tree, corner or hold a furbearer at bay.

Resident means a person who has a fixed permanent home and principal establishment in Utah for six consecutive months immediately preceding the purchase of a license or permit, AND DOES NOT claim residency for hunting, fishing or trapping in any other state or country.

An individual retains Utah residency if he or she leaves Utah to serve in the armed forces of the United States, or for religious or educational purposes, and does NOT claim residency for hunting, fishing or trapping in any other state or country.

Members of the armed forces of the United States and dependents are residents as of the date

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the member reports for duty under assigned orders in Utah, if:

- The member is NOT on temporary duty in Utah and does NOT claim residency for hunting, fishing or trapping in any other state or country.
- The member presents a copy of his or her assignment orders to a Division office to verify the member's qualification as a resident.

A nonresident attending an institution of higher learning in Utah as a full-time student may qualify as a resident if the student has been present in Utah for 60 consecutive days immediately preceding the purchase of the license or permit and does NOT claim residency for hunting, fishing or trapping in any other state or country.

A Utah resident license or permit is invalid if a resident license for hunting, fishing or trapping is purchased in any other state or country.

An individual DOES NOT qualify as a resident if he or she is an absentee landowner paying property tax on land in Utah.

Scent means any lure—composed of material of less than one cubic inch—that has a smell intended to attract animals.

Sell means to offer or possess for sale, barter, exchange or trade. It is also the act of selling, bartering, exchanging or trading.

Tag means a card, label or other identification device issued for attachment to the carcass of protected wildlife.

Take means to hunt, pursue, harass, catch, capture, possess, angle, seine, trap or kill any protected wildlife; or to attempt any of the aforementioned actions.

Trapping means taking protected wildlife with a trapping device.

Wildlife means crustaceans—including brine shrimp and crayfish—and all vertebrate animals living in nature, except feral animals.



Utah Wildlife in Need

Help protect Utah wildlife

Protecting and preserving Utah's threatened wildlife is up to each of us, and together we can make a difference. Please join Utah Wildlife In Need as we work together to help ensure Utah's wildlife treasures are part of the legacy we leave for our children and grandchildren.

Visit www.uwin.org to learn more about Utah's threatened species and about how you can help sustain Utah wildlife for all to enjoy!